

# WORLD WAR II

**1939-1945**

Events that lead up to  
Start of WWII  
September 1, 1939





# GERMANY AFTER WWI

## *AFTER WORLD WAR I until HITLER BECAME CHANCELLOR*

- GERMANY HAD WEAKENING of WEIMAR DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT
- HIGH STAGGERING INFLATION
- HIGH UNEMPLOYMENT
- GERMANY STRUGGLED to PAY WAR REPARATIONS(THEY WERE BROKE)



# **What Caused WWII?**

**A.G.G.R.E.S.S.I.O.N.**

- World War II was caused by A.G.G.R.E.S.S.I.O.N.
- **A**=Appeasement
- Policy of giving in to demands in order to preserve the peace.
- Allied Powers(Britain & France) give in to Hitler



*'Remember . . . One More Lollypop, and Then You All Go Home!'*







# POLICY of APPEASEMENT

- The British Prime Minister (Neville Chamberlain) hoped that the Munich Agreement 1938 would preserve "peace for our time".

# G= Germans take Austria & Czechoslovakia-Sudetenland



# SUDETENLAND, CZECHOSLOVAKIA





# Germany-Before and after WWI



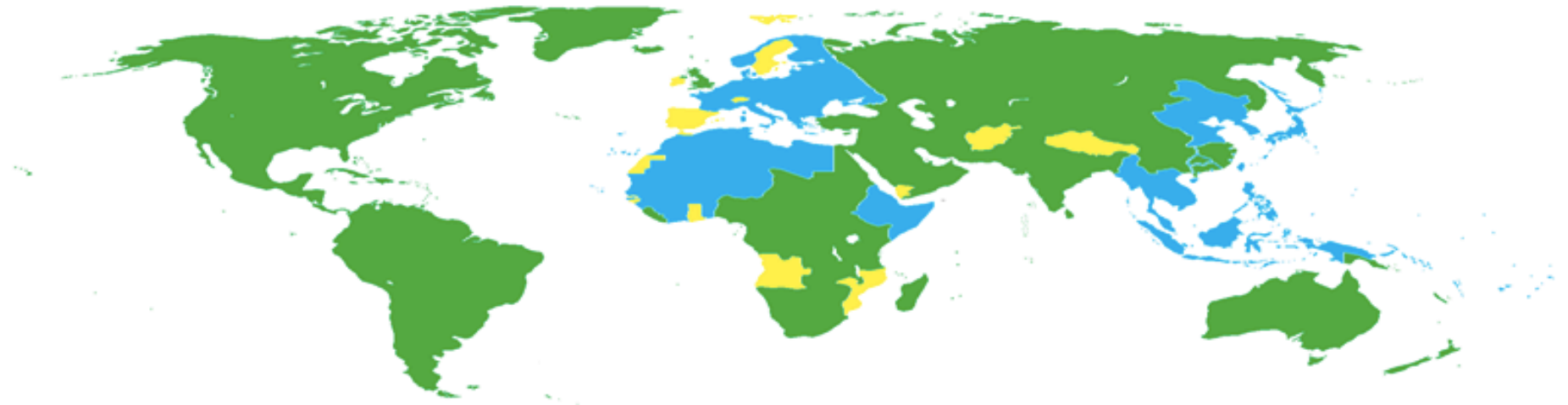
# G=German Nationalism-growth of the **NAZI PARTY**





# Causes of WWII (1939-1945)

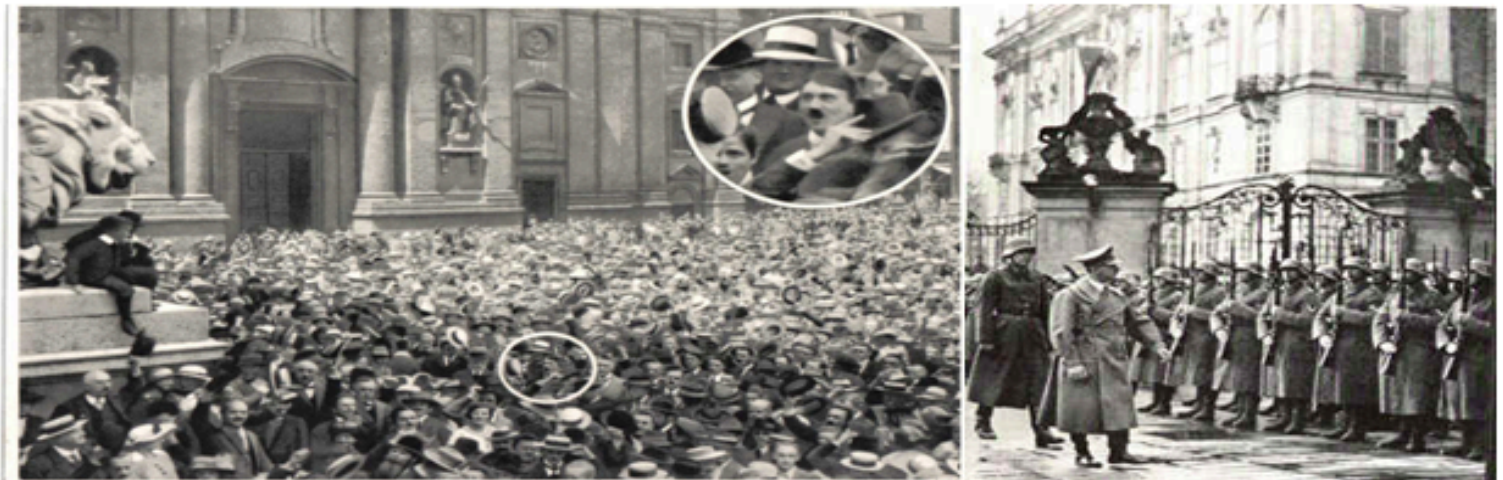
- **R**=Rise of the dictators
  - Germany, Italy and Japan formed Axis Powers
- **E**=Everyone ignores League of Nations
  - No international army to stop Hitler





# Causes of WWII (1939-1945)

- **S**=Sourness of Treaty of Versailles makes Germany and Italy want revenge
- **S**=Stopping Hitler out of question for Europe and U.S.
- Tendencies lean towards isolationism and pacificism



# Causes of WWII (1939-1945)

- **I**=Italy wants land, invades Ethiopia
- **O**=Oh, no! Hitler invades Poland, WWII begins
- **N**=No one stops Japan in Asia **1930's**
- Japan took Korea, Manchuria & parts of China



0 200 400 600 800 km



Who were the major leaders of  
World War II?

ALLIED POWERS-Good guys

# Franklin D. Roosevelt



**PRESIDENT** of  
the US until April  
1945



# Winston Churchill-Prime Minister-Great Britain

*British Prime Minister* Winston Churchill promised his people "blood, toil, tears, and sweat"

"We shall never surrender," he declared.



# FRANCE-LEADER of RESISTANCE- CHARLES DE GAULLE



# WWII -General Dwight D. Eisenhower-led D-Day





# General Douglas MacArthur- Pacific General



“I shall return”





U.S. President  
after FDR dies  
1945-1953-  
Truman

# Army Chief of Staff General George C. Marshall

is remembered for  
his **Marshall Plan**.





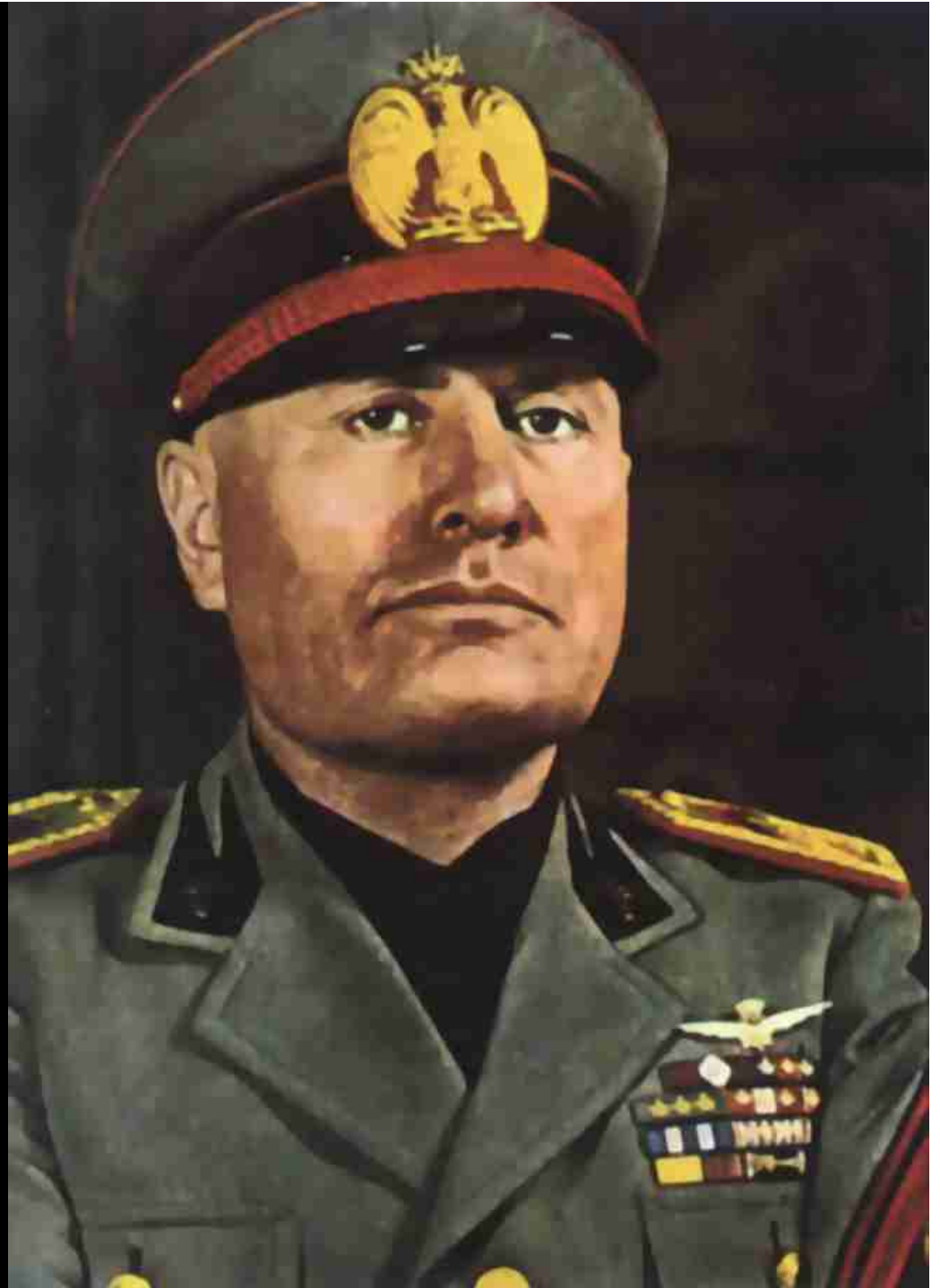
Joseph Stalin-  
Soviet  
Dictator-  
WILL  
SWITCH  
SIDES and  
**join Allied  
Powers IN  
1941**



# AXIS POWERS

*Benito*  
*Mussolini*

Italian  
Fascist  
Dictator





**ADOLF HITLER-  
NAZI CHANCELLOR of GERMANY**



# **HIDECKI TOJO-JAPAN-MILITARY LEADER**





# EMPEROR HIROHITO-JAPAN





# What about SPAIN??

- **FRANCISCO FRANCO**
- **TOTALITARIAN DICTATOR**
- Neutral during war-but sent troops to help Germany.

# BACKSTORY EUROPE

- **1938-HITLER INVADED AUSTRIA AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA**
- **1938-MUNICH AGREEMENT**-EUROPE ALLOWED GERMANY TO KEEP THOSE COUNTRIES IF DID NOT INVADE ANY OTHERS-**APPEASEMENT**
- **AUGUST 1939-NON AGGRESSION PACT-** HITLER AND STALIN AGREE TO NOT INVADE EACH OTHER.

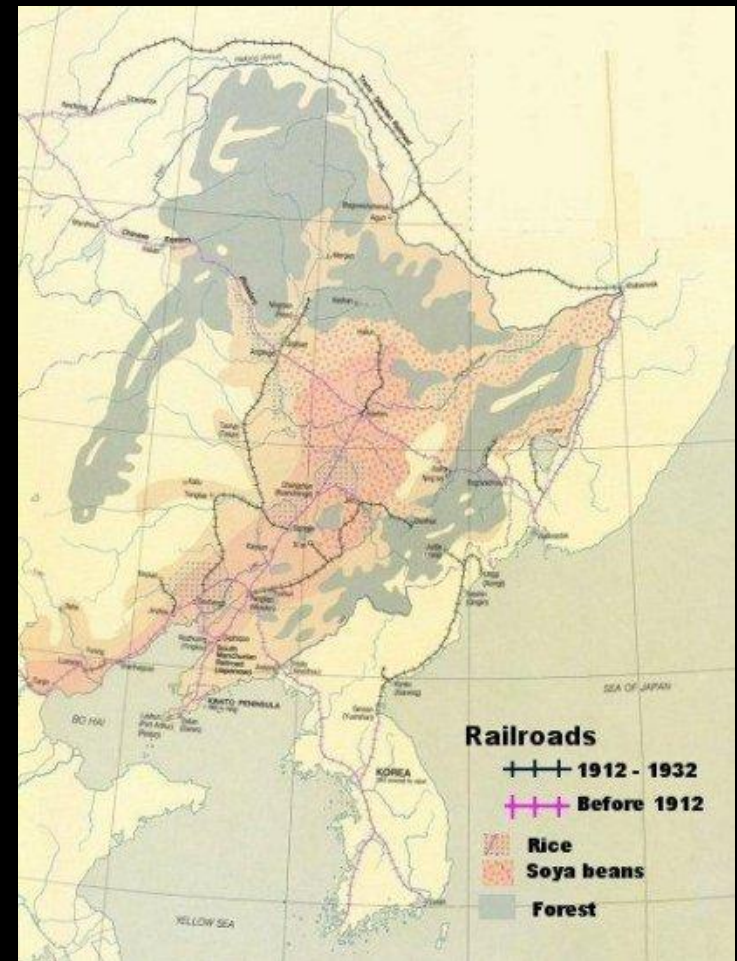




# JAPANESE AGGRESSION BACKSTORY



**1930's**-The Japanese wanted **industrial raw materials** to build an economic empire in Asia, **Japanese troops seized Manchuria and parts of China**

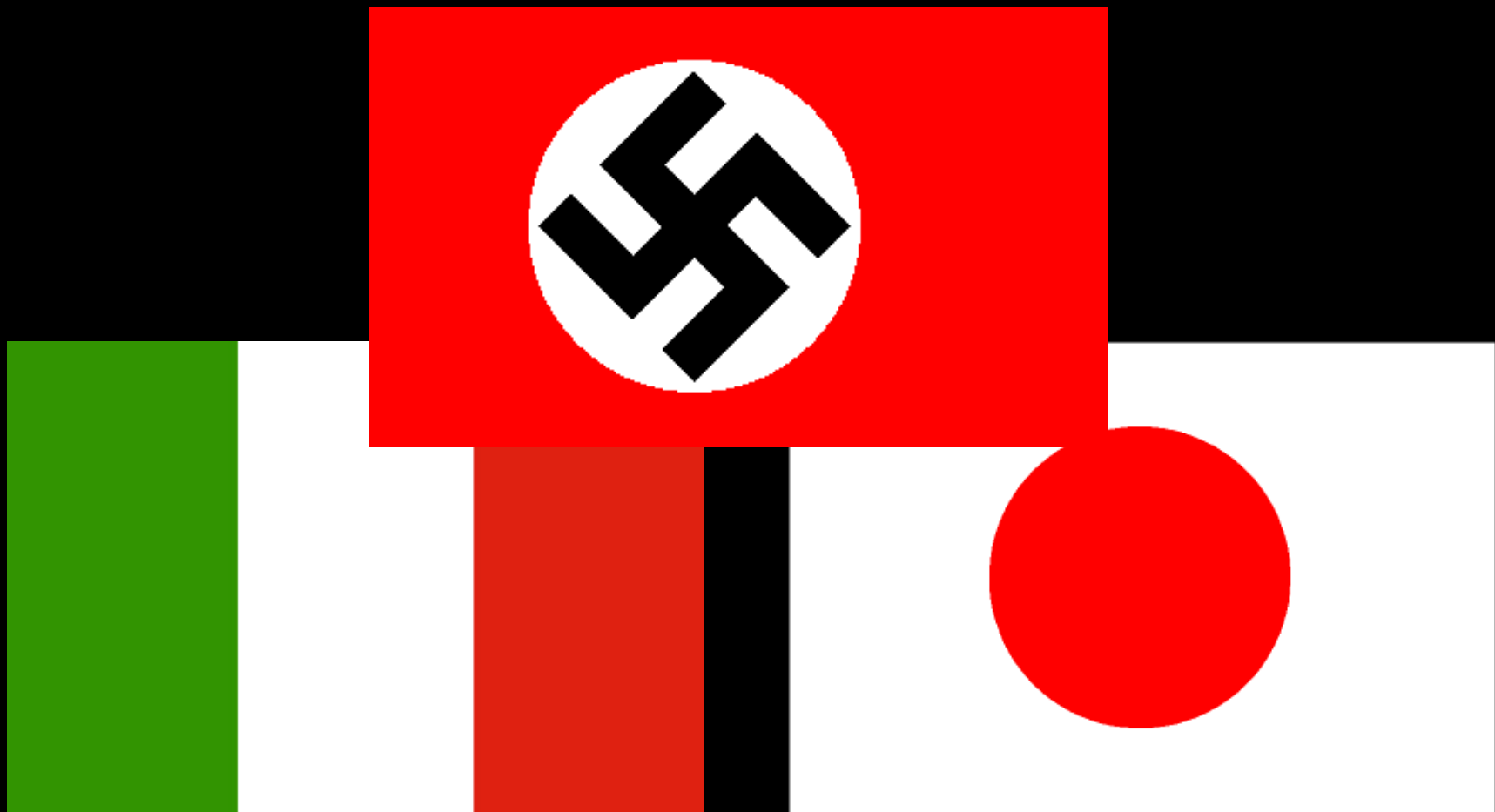


# The Japanese Invasion of China, 1937





The AXIS Powers –Germany,  
Italy, Japan formed ALLIANCES  
by 1939



# REMEMBER

- USSR/RUSSIA NEVER PART of AXIS POWERS just signed NON-AGGRESSION PACT WITH GERMANY to NOT ATTACK EACH OTHER

The major events of  
World War II  
**TIMELINE**

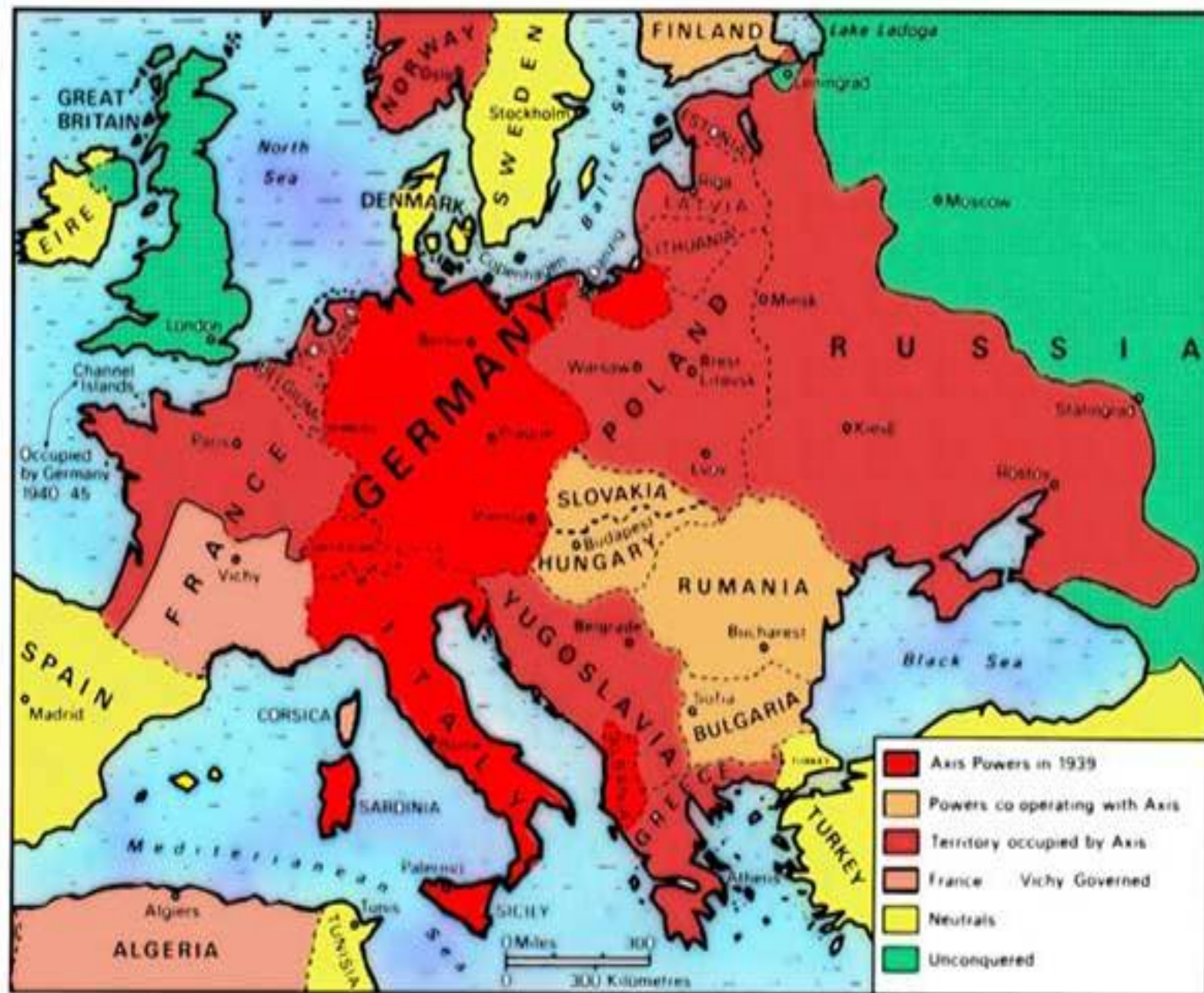
**\*On September 1, 1939**, Germany and USSR attacked Poland, beginning World War II in Europe. France and Britain declared war on Germany, then waited for Hitler's next move.

## **WWII BEGINS**



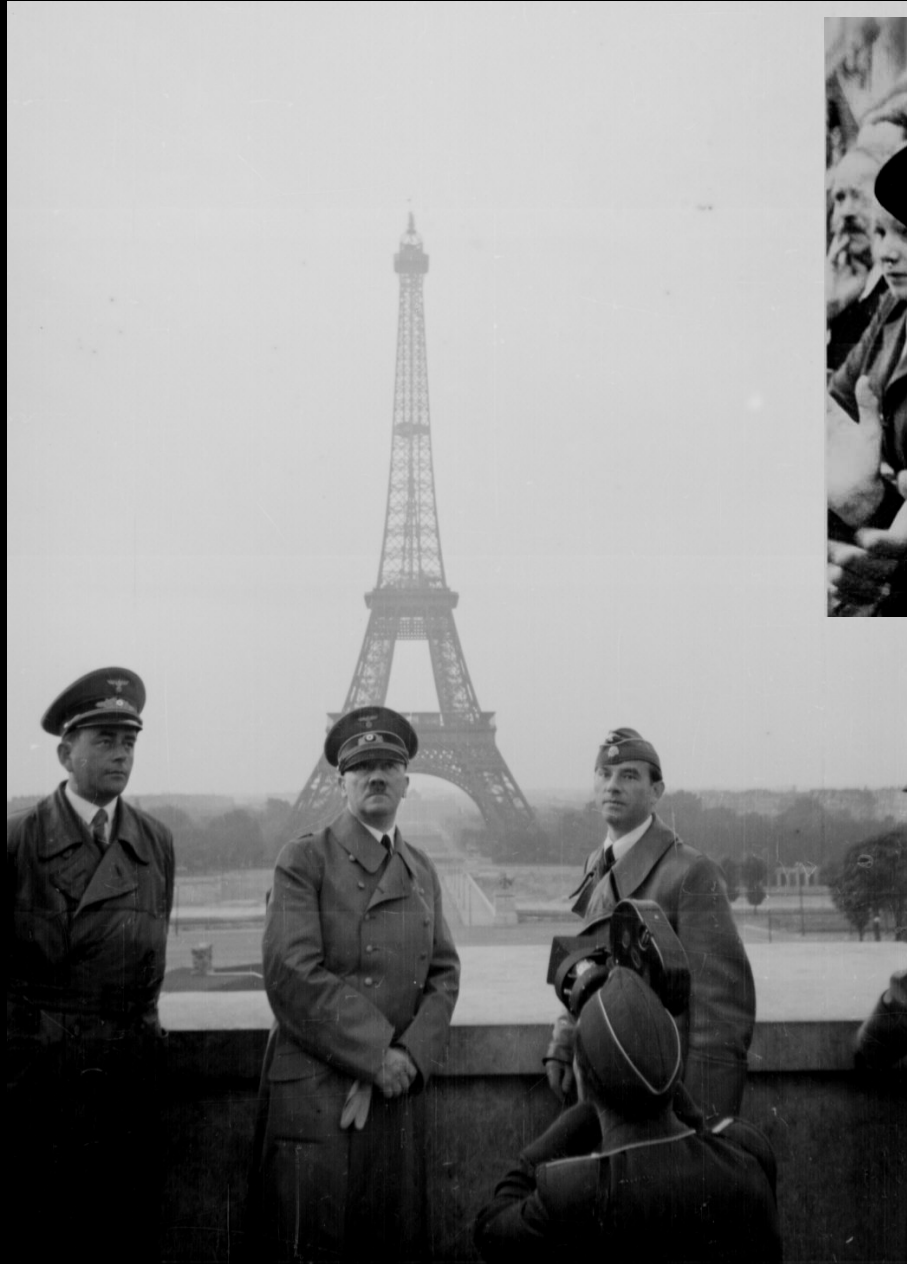
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\*May-June  
1940, Hitler's  
armies swept  
across France  
forcing a  
French  
surrender!



May- June 3 1940- commonly known as the  
**Miracle of Dunkirk**-was the evacuation of Allied  
soldiers from the beaches and harbor of Dunkirk,  
338,000 rescued to Britain



**\*Battle of Britain-The Blitz (Sept. 7, 1940) –  
The Germans bombed them-no land invasion**



1940-Germany and Italy attacked  
North Africa, then Yugoslavia and  
Greece...



September 27, 1940

Japan signed a military alliance pact with Germany and Italy called the Tripartite Pact – Axis Powers.

FDR was concerned.









# World War II in Europe 1939–1941





**June 1941,** Hitler launched a powerful surprise attack on the Soviet Union (for oil)-called **Battle of Barbarossa.**

**Stalin joins the Allies.**



1941, the Japanese sent troops  
into Indochina

Roosevelt responded by

1) blocking shipments of  
resources to Japan -embargo

2) Did not recognize gains in  
China-Stimson Doctrine

It was clear to the Japanese that  
the United States stood  
between them and their plans  
SO...

BOOM-Attack on PEARL  
HARBOR



# WORLD WAR II IN THE PACIFIC, 1941–1945

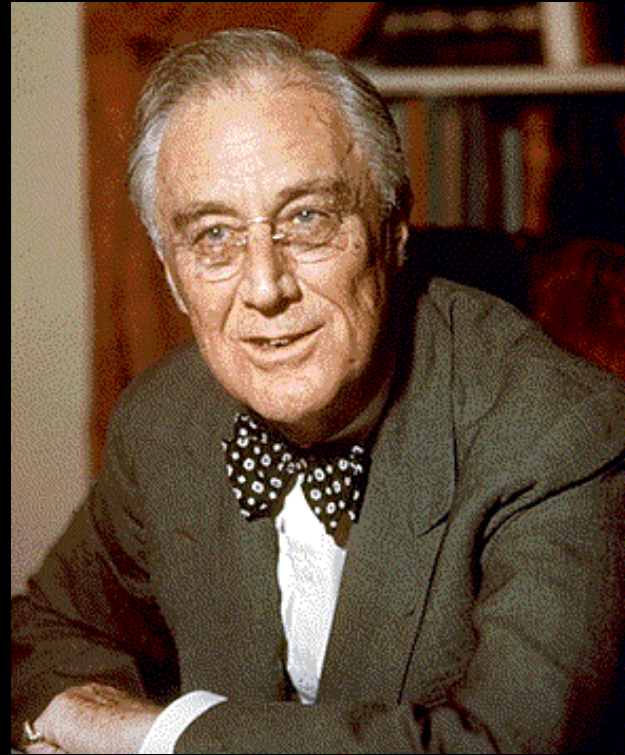


\*On **December 7, 1941**, Tojo ordered an attack on the U.S. Pacific Fleet at **Pearl Harbor** -hoping it would stop the **US** entering the war





# Franklin D. Roosevelt



\*Roosevelt called the day of the attack,  
December 7, "a date that will live in infamy"  
as the United States declared war on Japan.  
*WE ARE IN WWII NOW!*



# Allies United: U.S.S.R, Great Britain, and The United States





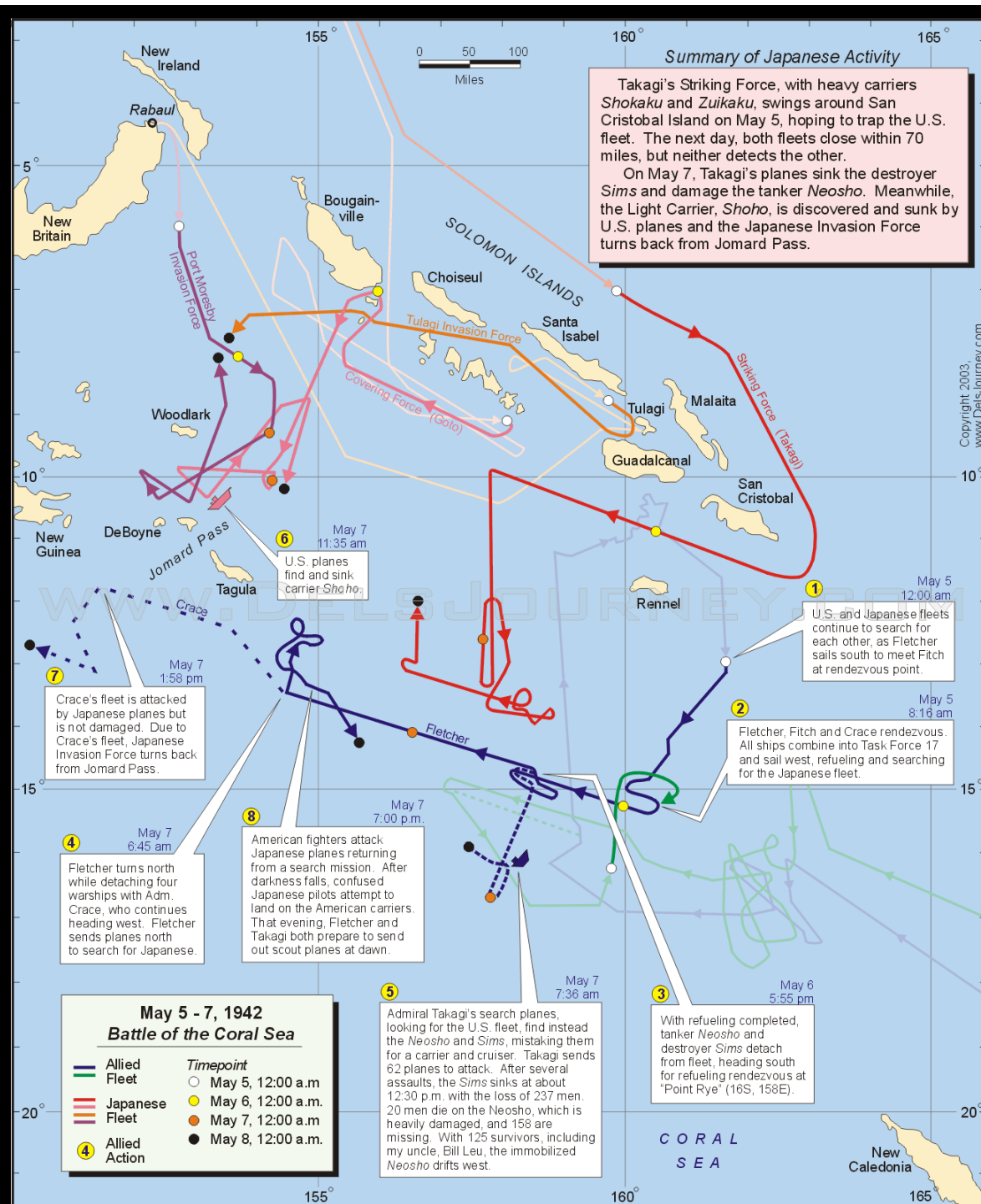
\*In 1942, the U.S. Navy fought two important battles against the Japanese, the **Battle of the Coral Sea** and the **Battle of Midway**.



Photo # 80-G-312018 On board USS Yorktown after she was hit by dive bombers

# 1942-The Battle of The Coral Sea

off the coast of  
Australia  
repelled the  
Japanese  
invasion



# 1942-The Battle of Midway

is the *turning  
point of the  
war in the  
Pacific*

Note-aircraft  
carrier.



Photo # 80-G-17061 USS Yorktown being abandoned, 4 June 1942



1942-After Midway, the United States and its Allies took the offensive, driving the Japanese back toward their home islands-  
ISLAND HOPPING

# WAR CONTINUES- Europe, North Africa and Pacific

1942-1945





Hitler's invasion of the Soviet Union-a failure  
as his troops got caught in the Russian  
winter far from their supply lines.

1942-43-The Soviets held the German troops  
at the **Battle of Stalingrad**-deadliest battle  
ever. 1.2 million died.

Turning point Battle in Europe

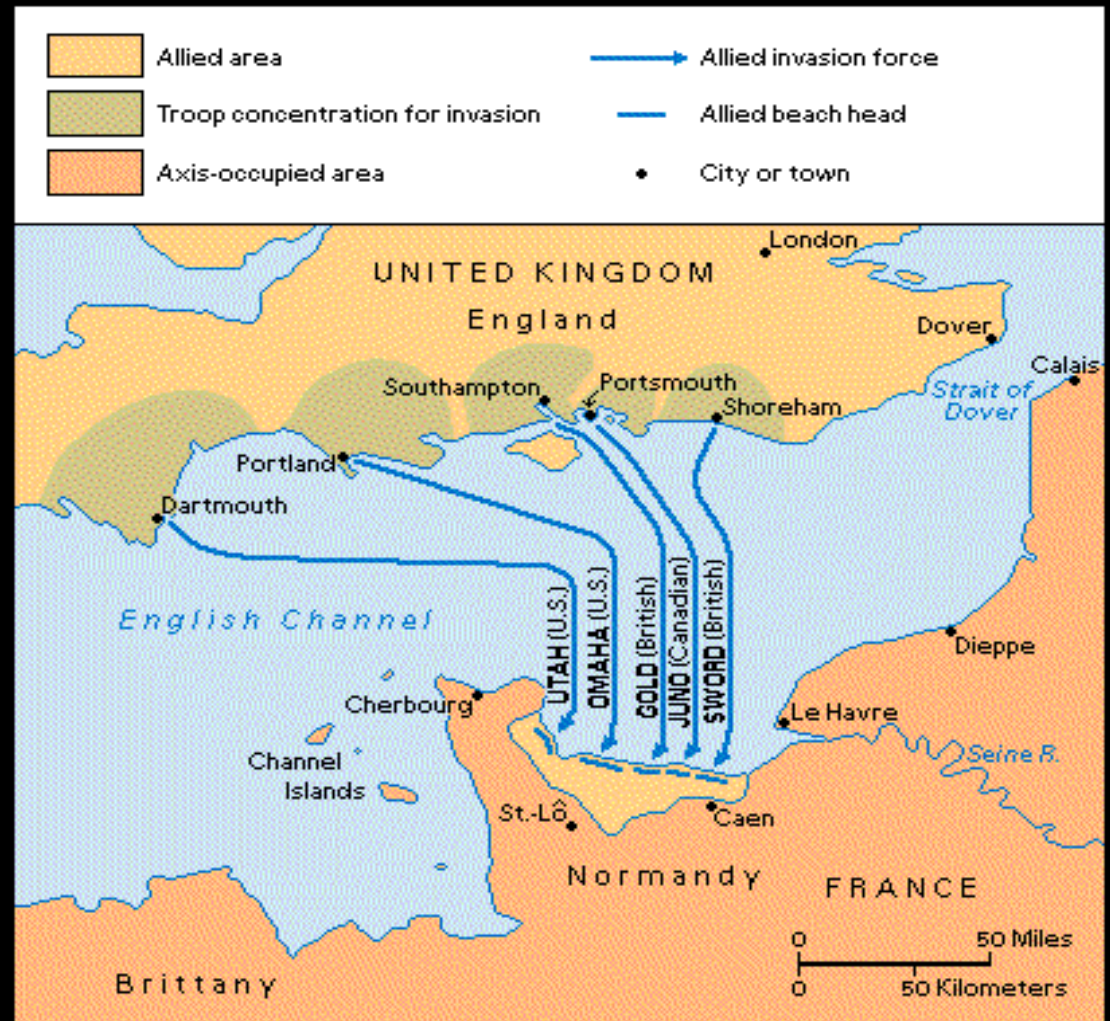


British and U.S. forces  
defeated the Germans and  
Italians in **North**  
**Africa-1942-El Alamein.**



**\*On June 6<sup>th</sup>,  
1944**

Allied forces  
crossed the  
English Channel  
into Normandy  
Invasion,  
**D-Day**  
**(Operation  
Overlord)**  
-began liberation  
of Europe





# Landing on Normandy Beach











# The Liberation of Paris:

August 25, 1944



De Gaulle in  
Triumph!



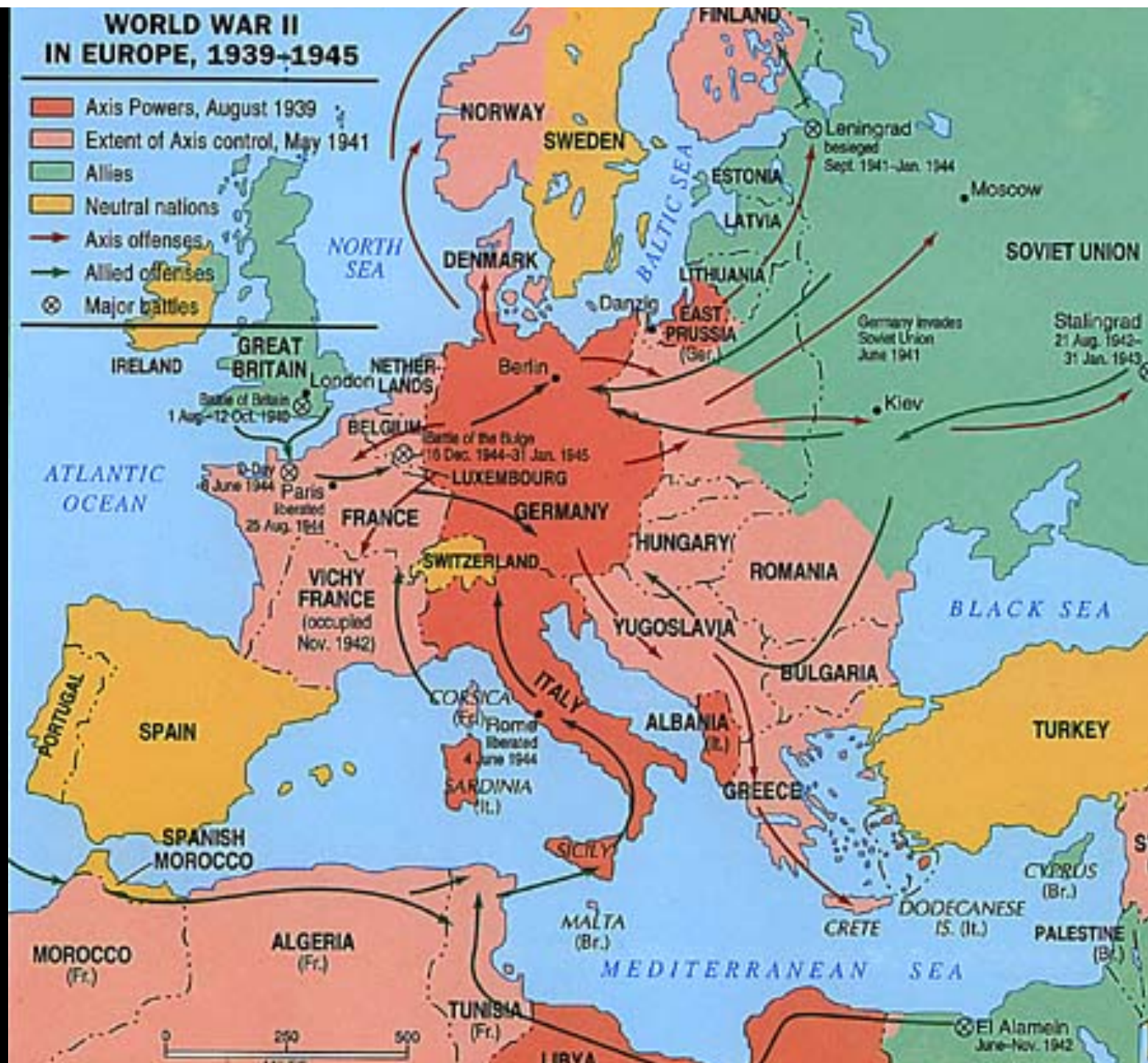
# Deaths of Leaders

- April 12, 1945-FDR died-Truman became President
- April 28, 1945-Mussolini killed in Italy
- April 30, 1945-Hitler committed suicide



## WORLD WAR II IN EUROPE, 1939-1945

- Axis Powers, August 1939
- Extent of Axis control, May 1941
- Allies
- Neutral nations
- Axis offenses
- Allied offenses
- Major battles



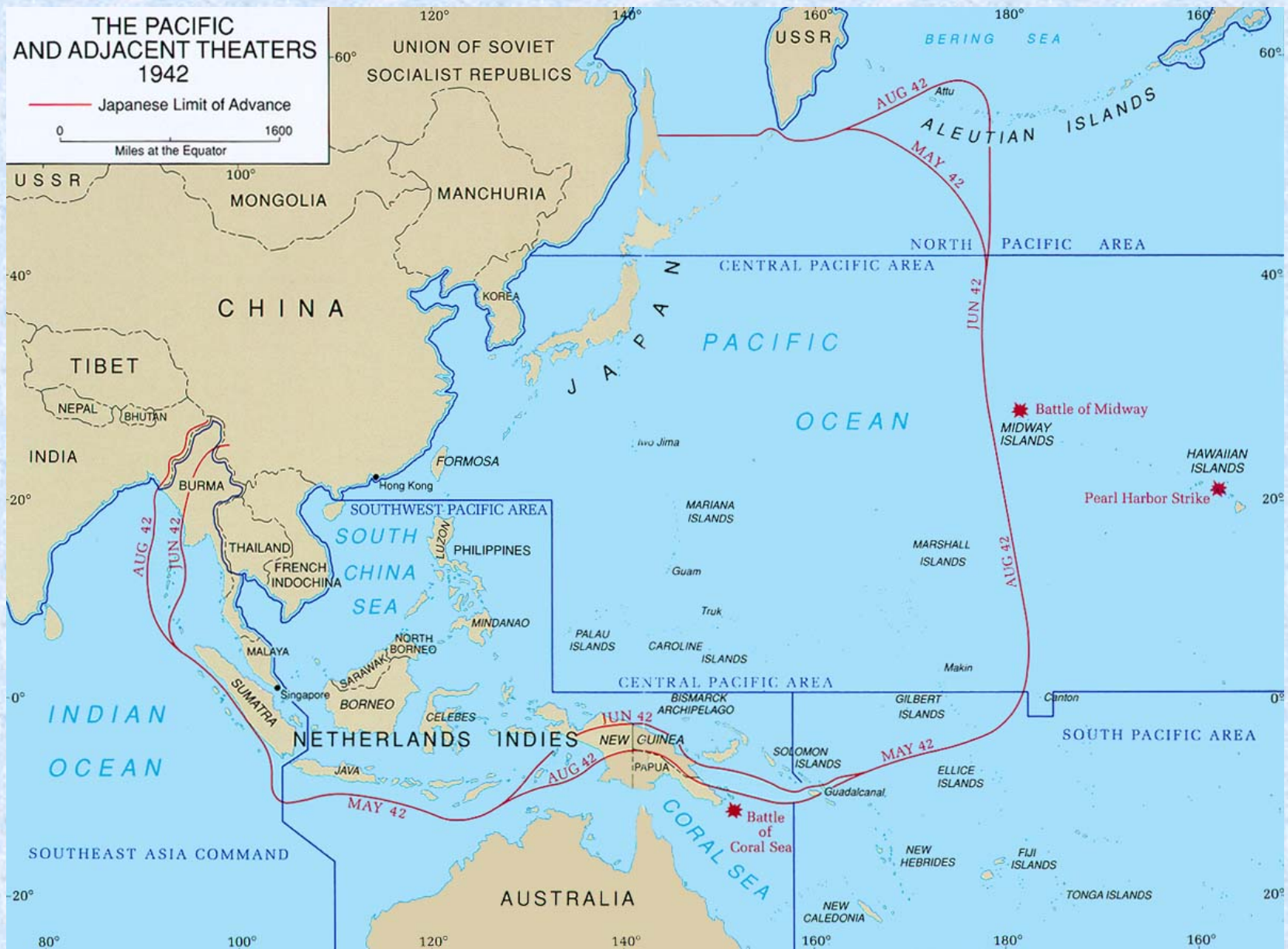


1944-45-Germany would be defeated as  
Allied forces moved east while the Soviet  
Army moved west to join them.



Germany Surrenders  
May 7, 1945-V-E Day

***NOW TO FINISH in the PACIFIC..***





# Pacific Island Hopping

- **Feb-June-1945-Battles of Iwo Jima and Okinawa** put U.S. closer to Japan but Truman decided to end war because Japan would not surrender

**August 6, 1945**, the U.S. dropped the world's first A-bomb on **Hiroshima** and **August 9-Nagasaki** contributed to the Japanese unconditional surrender.



# “Victory over Japan Day” or V-J Day”

August 14, 1945, it was announced  
that Japan had surrendered  
unconditionally to the Allies

The term has also been used for  
September 2, 1945 when Japan's  
formal surrender took place aboard  
the U.S.S. Missouri.





Photo # USA C-2719 Japanese delegation on USS Missouri, 2 Sept. '45



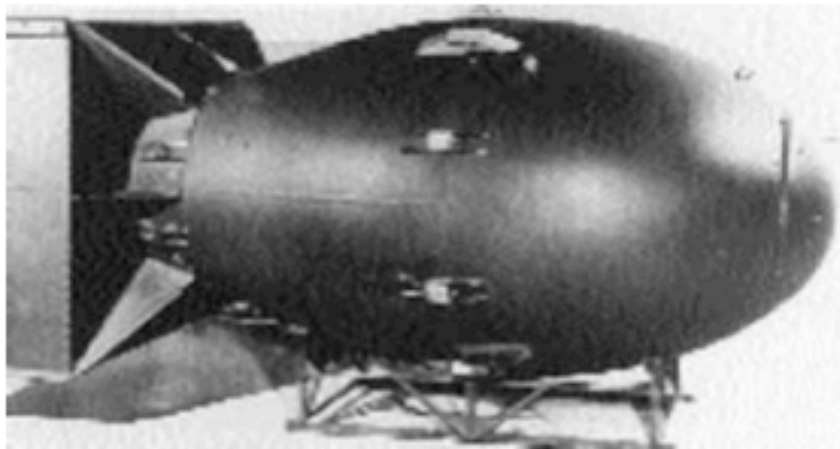
Americans  
celebrate the end of  
the war!



# ATOMIC BOMB

- THOUSANDS DIE INSTANTLY
- THOUSANDS DIED LATER FROM RADIATION POISONING





**Fatman (Nagasaki)**



**Little Boy (Hiroshima)**







The worst was when electric and telephone wires got twisted around people's legs and they couldn't escape... and they died in that position, fallen to their knees.

*-YOSUKE YAMAHATA*



## **Use the Atomic Bomb**

"The conclusions of the Committee," wrote Stimson, "were similar to my own, although I reached mine independently. I felt that to extract a genuine surrender from the Emperor and his military advisors, they must be administered a tremendous shock which would carry convincing proof of our power to destroy the empire. Such an effective shock would save many times the number of lives, both American and Japanese, than it would cost."